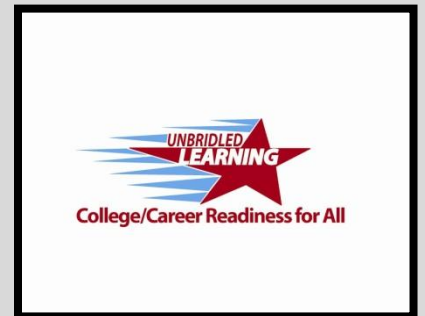
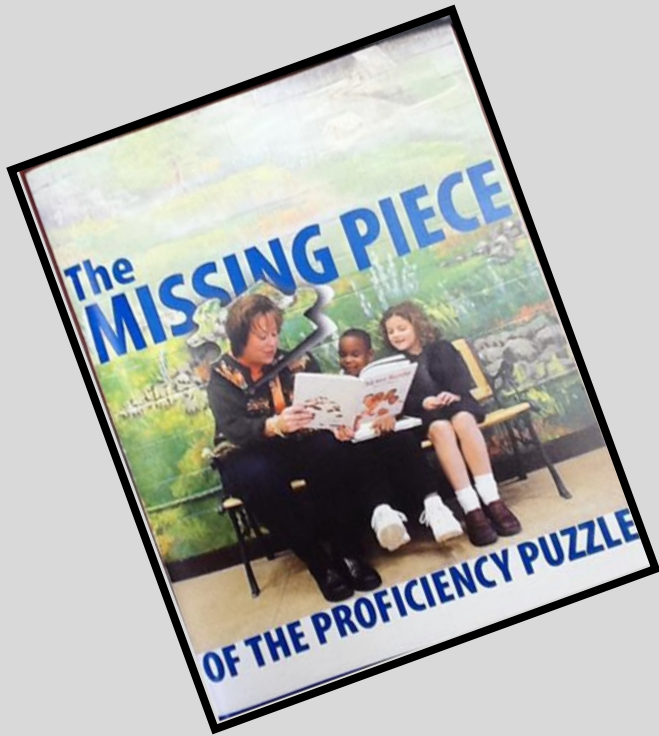


# Family and Community Engagement

A 3-hour training for experienced  
SBDM Council members



# The Missing Piece of the Proficiency Puzzle



*The Missing Piece of the Proficiency Puzzle* was developed by the Commissioner's Parent Advisory Council (CPAC). Within the document, CPAC proposed standards with specific school-level descriptors.

### Proficient

School staff  
implements  
systematic efforts to  
inform parents about  
academic goals,  
class work, grades  
and homework for  
their children in their  
home language.

### School Council Role

*School council policy  
(e.g., parent  
involvement policy,  
instructional practices  
policy) can include a  
systematic process for  
informing parents  
about curriculum,  
instruction, homework  
expectations and  
academic progress.*

# Reflection:



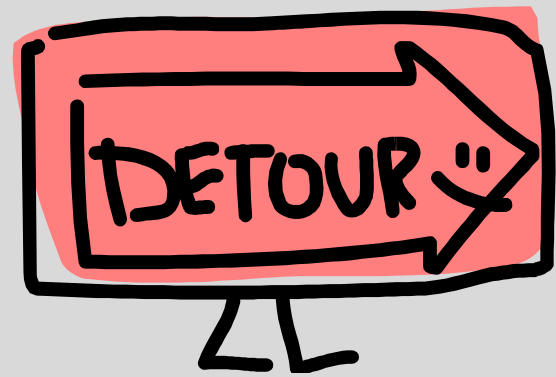
***How can our school council  
include ideas and opinions from  
the school's stakeholders?***

# Barriers to Family and Community Engagement

## Roadblocks

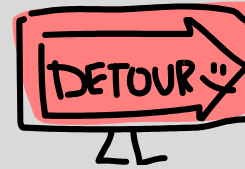


## Detours





- Parents often cite time as the greatest barrier to volunteering, attending meetings, and joining decision-making committees at their child's school.
- These activities often are scheduled at times that interfere with work or other obligations.



- Be flexible in scheduling meetings and events.
- Consider potluck dinners and brown bag lunches to meet the needs of working parents.
- Hold meetings at community centers, apartment building, church halls, parks, libraries, and the workplace to make it easier for parents to attend.

# Reflection:



***What are the barriers for family and community engagement at your school? How can you address these as a school council member?***

# Is Your School Friendly?

## Family Friendly School Checklist

Already doing this: 4
Could do this easily: 3
This would take some time: 2
This would be really hard: 1



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## Family Friendly School Checklist

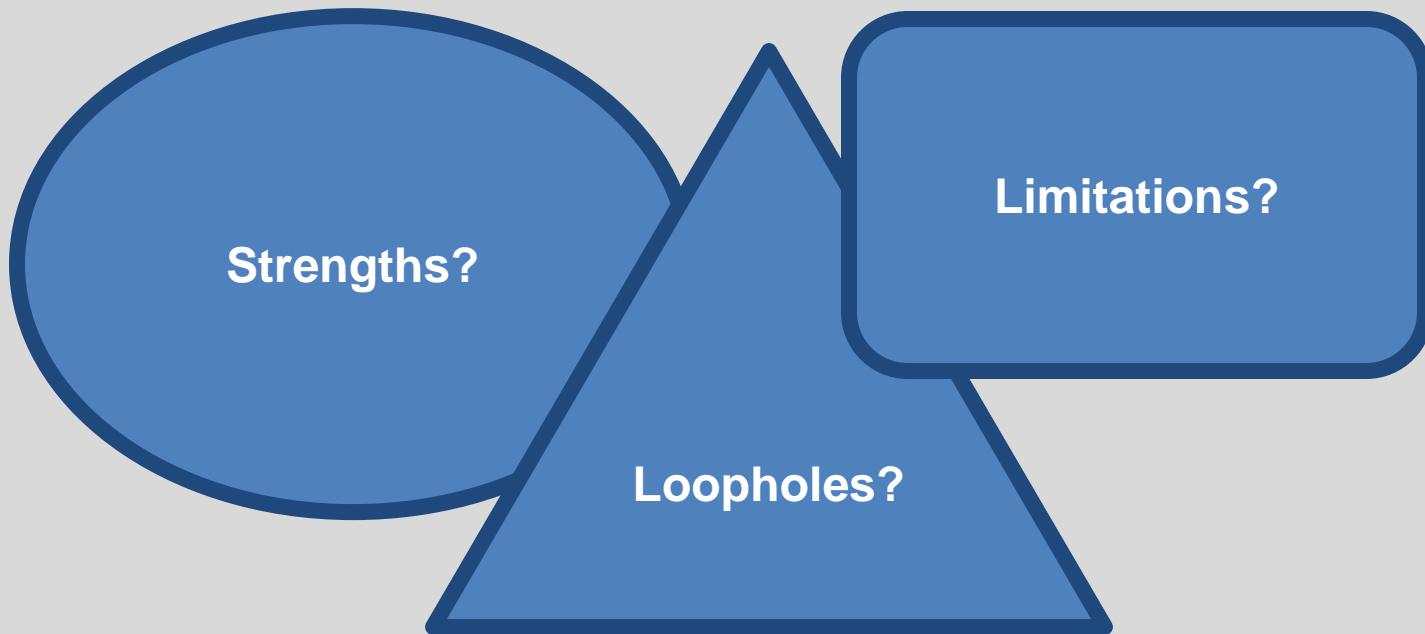
A	70-80	You're a Family Friendly School!
B	60-69	With a little more work, you'll be there.
C	50-59	Focus on the easiest areas, and then tackle the harder ones.
D	40-49	You may need outside help. Pull together an action team.

# Family Engagement Policies and Plans

Research shows when schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school but also throughout life. Participation of families is critical throughout a child's entire academic career.



# **Alphabet Elementary School's Parent Involvement Policy**



# Next Steps

